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Concerning Submission of "Official" Amendment in Response to Office Action dated March 21, 2003
and Petition for Extension of Time for Application Ser. No. 09/580,822 (Case 4-30969A)

Dear Group 1744-Examiner Sean Conley:

Attached is an "official" amendment in response to the above-identified Office Action. If there are any questions, I can be contacted at 011 41 61 324-6068 from July 16 to July 31 and at (862) 778-7859 starting August 4.

Very truly yours,

Susan HessCONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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Art Unit: 1744
Examiner: Conley, Sean

APPLICATION NO: 09/580,822

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FOR: PACKAGE FOR A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003 having a shortened three (3) month period for response which expired on June 21, 2003. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a one (1) month extension of time together with authorization to deduct the appropriate fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 24 and 28 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 21, 25, 26 and 29 as follows:

21. (Amended) A method for sterilizing a closed squeezable pharmaceutical package wherein the package is selected from the group consisting of a tube comprising a laminated polypropylene foil and a polypropylene bottle with a cap, wherein the cap consists of a material with a modulus of elasticity different from polypropylene, and wherein the pharmaceutical package is suitable for the controlled dispensation of an ophthalmic liquid, ophthalmic gel, or ophthalmic ointment, comprising the steps of:

disposing an amount of a member selected from the group consisting of an ophthalmic liquid, gel, or ointment within the package;

closing the package to yield a closed package;

placing the closed package into an autoclaving chamber; and